

Digital Media Developers Group

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Old Business:

ITAB Report : Bobbie Sue Koelling

PC prices are coming out this week.

Agencies need to provide representatives for the security committee

The SAMII group is on hold and will not have further meetings at this time.

Search Engine: Ron Thomas

The initial indexing stopped at 517,000 documents. Purchasing is trying to resolve contractual issues in order to upgrade the license to one million documents, or at least get a temporary license to complete the index. Once we see how many documents there are, OA will work with the DMD to develop business rules for robots.txt to limit the number of pages indexed.

Link2Gov 508 compliance: Kevin Lanahan

Link2Gov is very close to having a standards-compliant credit card payment page. This will allow agencies to use their headers, footers and CSS around the payment form to process credit card transactions.

New Business:

Guidelines: Use of pop-up windows: Kevin Lanahan

An agency was asked to use pop-up windows to “advertise” new agency services. While they felt this was a bad idea, the agency could not find anything specific in the guidelines to discourage or prohibit this.

The DMD agreed to have the guidelines group come up with some language to explain why agencies should not use automatic pop-up windows (as opposed to user-selected pop-up windows).

Agency Projects/Open Discussion:

StateTech magazine article on IT consolidation

Copies of the recent article in StateTech magazine, featuring Missouri’s IT consolidation efforts, were available to DMD members.

DESE and DHSS are working with MO Assistive Technology to find out where JAWS, Window-Eyes and other accessibility tools fall down when it comes to providing accessibility. Examples would be failure to support standards, odd implementations of CSS and navigational quirks.

DESE will have a test machine available with Windows-Eyes 5.0, Dragon Naturally Speaking 8, JAWS for Windows 6.0, MAGic 9.3 and Zoom Text 8.1 for DMD members can test pages. We may need to work with MOAT to provide instruction on using these tools.

Further discussion revolved around ways to get program developers and contractors to write valid code. This is a planned section of the guidelines, but nothing has been written yet.

DESE asked how agencies are using warnings when links take users outside the agency site. DOLIR is using a JavaScript pop-up, which has been sent to the mo-web discussion group. MDC is using an external links database for any non-MDC links. When somebody selects an external link, a default page pops up and automatically redirects the user in 10 seconds.

Next monthly meeting is September 1 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in Room 500 of the Harry S Truman Building